

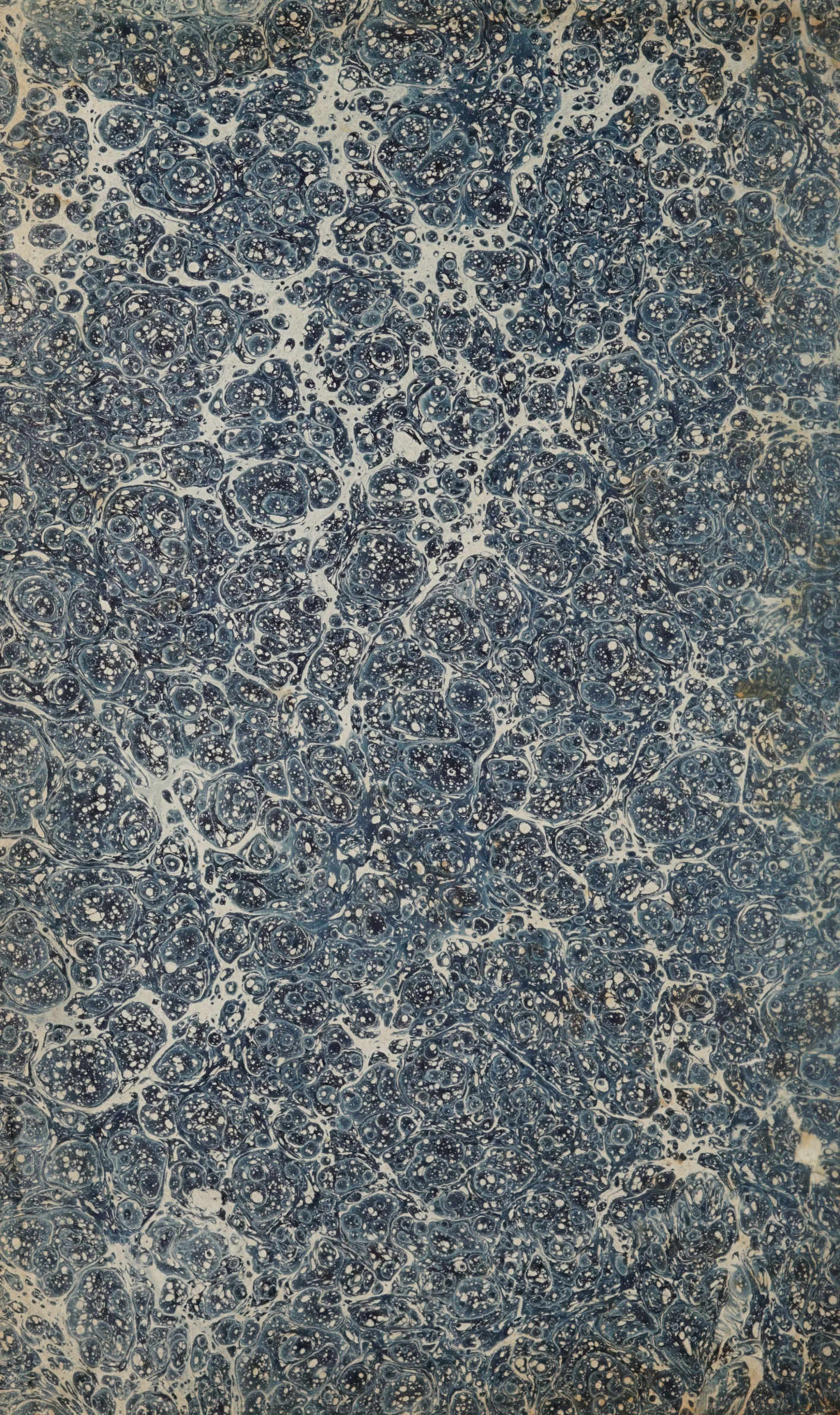
Diary of First Year

Men

Women

15th Mo 1819

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND



Betsy (Collins) Purinton (1769-1839)

Died 8th mo. 8 1839, buried in Friends Burying Ground in Providence
(now in North Burial Ground)

Daughter of Enoch Collins (1735-1772) and Rebecca Breed (1742-1784) of Lynn, Ma.
Sister of weighty friend Micajah Collins (1764-1827) of Lynn

Married Matthew Purinton (1762-1848) of Lynn on 10th mo. 7 1793 in Salem

He a tanner, son of Samuel (b1738) and Abigail Purinton (1739-1796) of Danvers.

Matthew and Betsy Purinton served as the first superintendents of the New England Yearly Meeting School, from 1819 to 1824. Betsy apparently kept this journal of the school's early existence, but it is scrupulously written in the third person, and contains only information relating directly to the school.

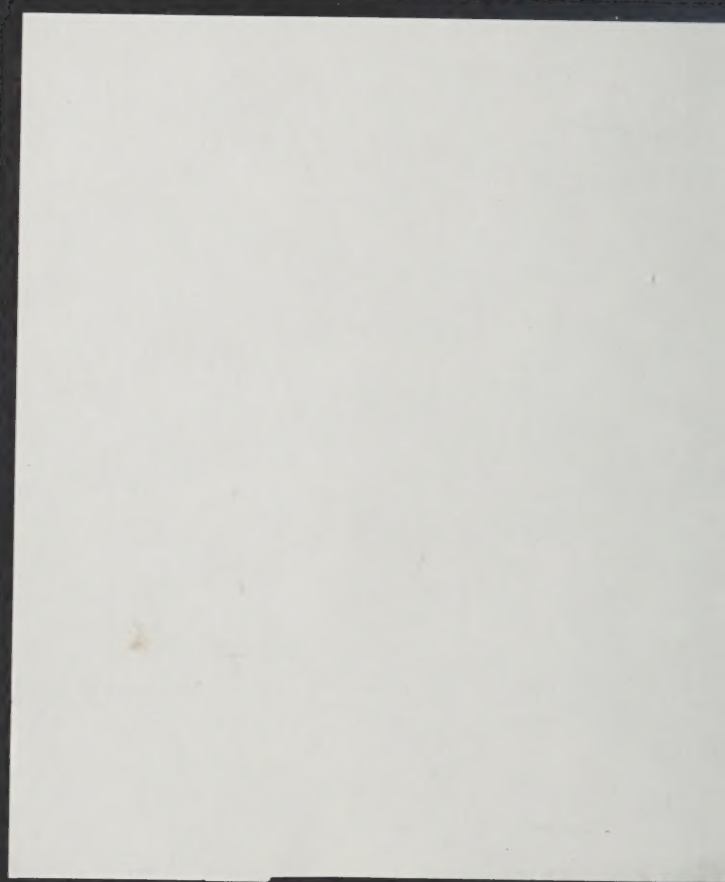
There are two copies of the "diary". What is apparently the original is still in soft-cover, and has tipped in a page reading "Dairy of Betsy Purinton, the First Matron of Friends N.E. Boarding School". An explanatory sheet signed by "B.P." is taped to the inside cover. It is presently found in a box of uncataloged Moses Brown School material. It ends with the departure of the Purintons in 1824.

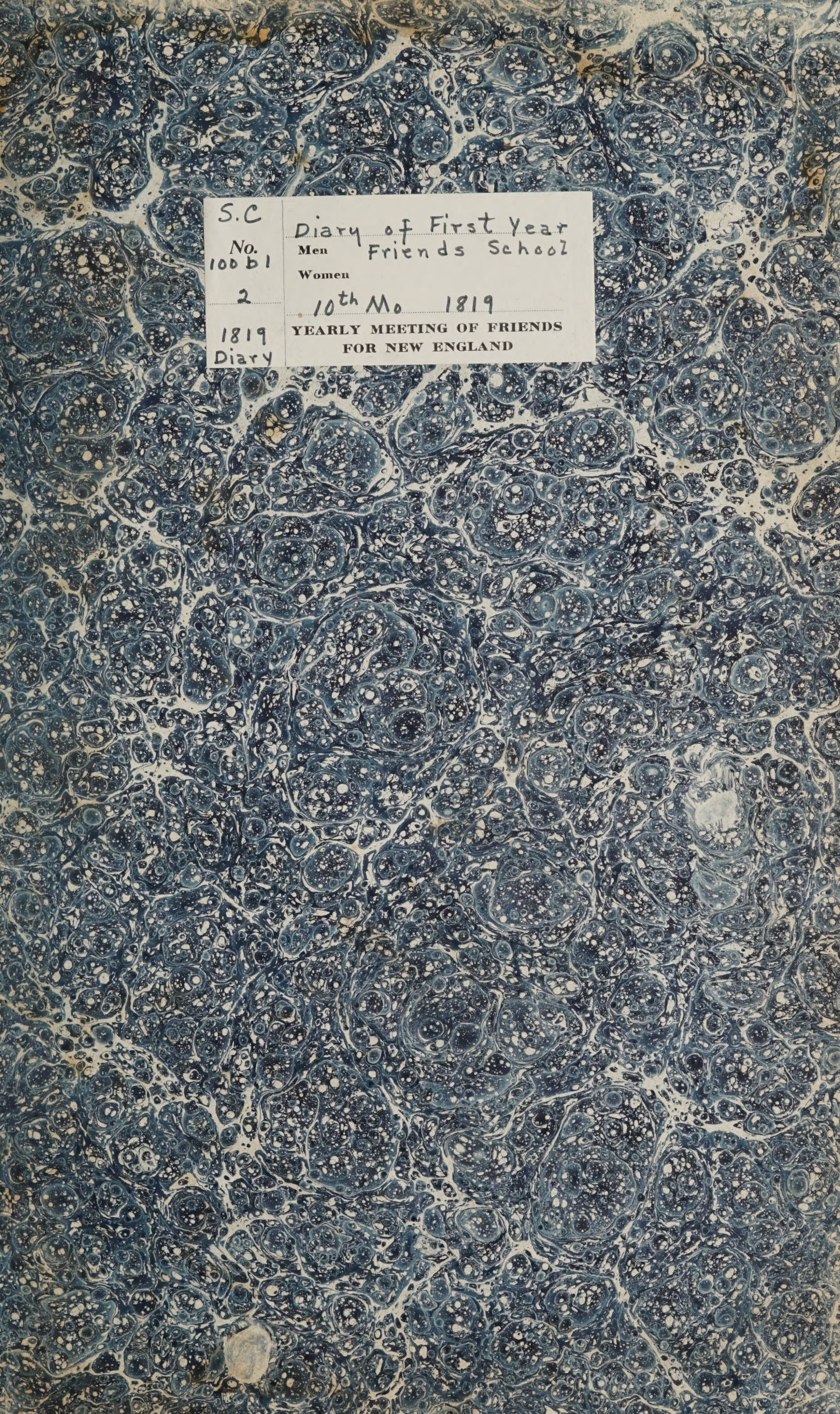
The second copy is bound in leather, and has on the cover a tag reading "Diary of First Year"; the title page reads "Diary of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School". It seems to be a transcription of the first diary, with a few minor corrections made, and continued by the Breeds, who succeeded the Purintons as Superintendents. It is presently filed on the shelf with the other Moses Brown School record books.

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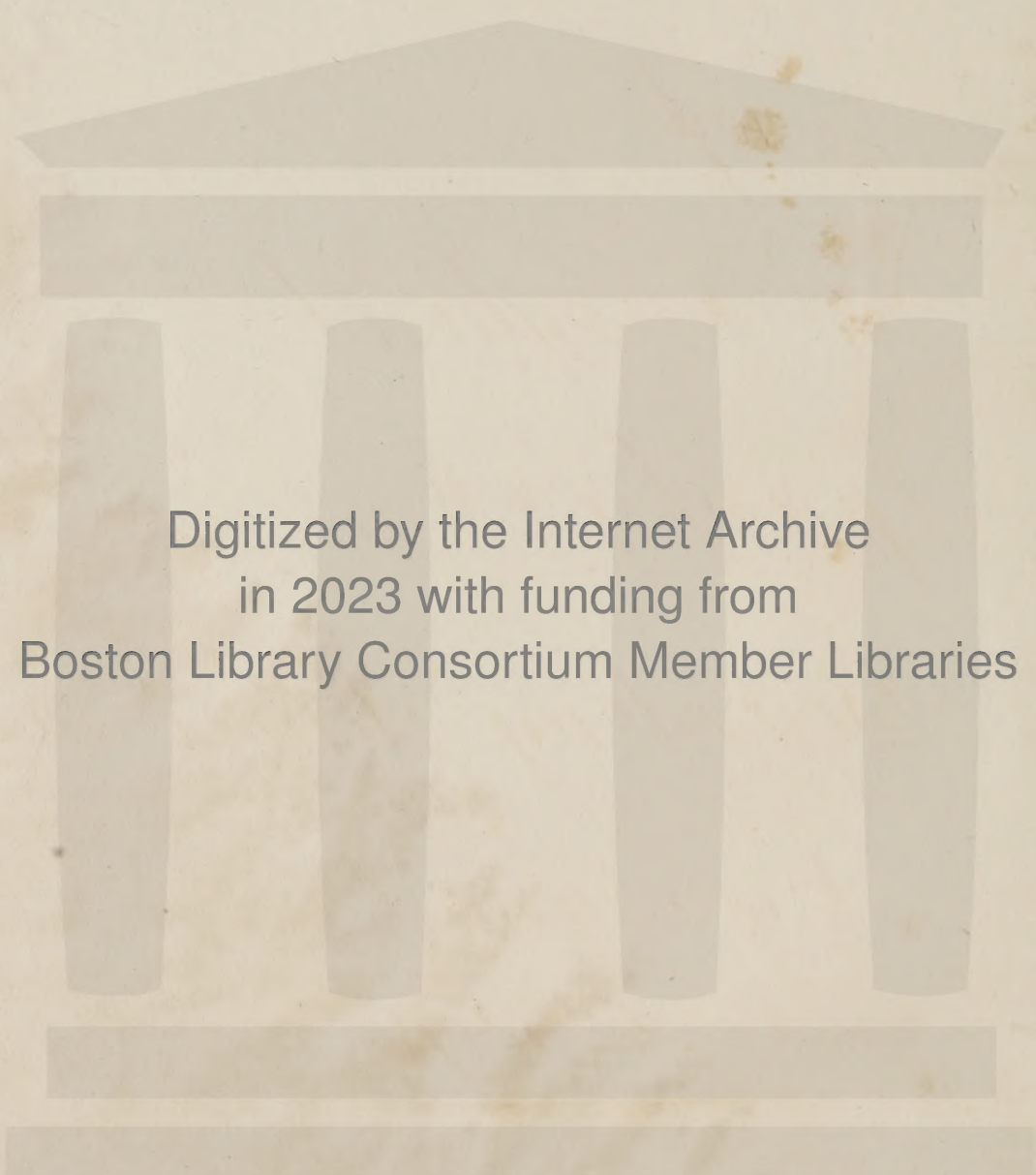
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Diary
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New England
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Boarding School
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1st Mo. 1st. 1859.



The deep interest felt by us, who are engaged in the daily labour and welfare of this institution, induces us to coin this journal, hoping that among the many impositions we have to enumerate, we may be able to record some things, that may be a solace in contemplation, and a proof that our time has not passed without leaving some traces of utility behind.

1st mo. 1st 1819. In conformity to the order of the Trustees Committee, for the superintending of the Building for the boarding School, the house was opened for the reception of the Superintendants, the Teachers, and scholars. Those who attended were, Nathaniel Betsey Parmenter, Superintendants, Benjamin Peckham, a male Teacher, Dorcas Gardner & Mary Mitchell, assistants, in the female school; And they began the labour of making arrangements for the permanent establishment of the institution.

1st mo. 2^d Passed in similar engagements to the preceding, with slow, though regular progress.

1st mo. 3^d First day of the week. It being proposed that a meeting for worship should be held in this building, for the accommodation of the family and scholars; at half past ten o'clock we assembled for the aforesaid object; and in addition to the family our friend Moses Brown and others met in solemn assembly. Deborah Hill, the female Teacher joined the family this evening.

1st mo. 4th Being the time appointed for the opening of the school that duty was attended to, eleven scholars being present.

1st mo. 5th The number of Teachers for the institution

was completed to day by the arrival of Thomas Howland, seniors amounted to 13.

14th Nov 0, : Being the 4th of the week, the day on which the committee concluded our week day meetings should be held, we met at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

15th Nov 0: Duties of each department attended as usual, Our friends Mark P. Allen & Christian A. Brown and wife joined the family circle at the tea-table.

16th Nov 0: The usual exercises of the day attended to - nothing further worthy of remark.

17th Nov 0: The school in each department was visited by our friends Obadiah Brown, & Harriet Allen, several visitors in the course of the day, and considerable addition to the family by the arrival of a number of scholars.

18th Nov 0: Being the return of the first of the week, our meetings were held, as on the preceding week - which were respectively attended by our friends M. P. Allen & Amherst, and Henry & Isaac of Solon, besides other friends. The scholars this evening amounts to 23.

19th Nov 0: Nothing of importance to pen, but all, we trust, endeavoured to fulfil their allotted duties through the course of the day.

20th Nov 0: Since the preceding date our affairs have progressed very agreeably, with the exception of the indisposition of one of the Teachers, and several scholars, who, by medical aid, are mostly restored to usual health.

This day our schools were visited by our friend Galt Jones, and his companion Samuel Davies, from this city - after which, the rest of the family and scholars attended the monthly in Providence. The number of scholars amounted to 39.

21st Nov 0: In attending to the various concerns of the institution, some anxiety has been felt, but reflecting of discouragement excited.

30th This day, and the preceding spent as usual.

31st Being the close of the first month, we can look back with satisfaction on the manner in which it has passed; and with interest at the progress the institution has made, and having derived experience from the past, we can look forward with a degree of certainty to a diminution of the difficulties attendant on so arduous a task as the government of a family of children. But from this consideration also, we may derive satisfaction in witnessing the willingness manifested by them in their orderly conduct, which lightened the weight that devolved on their care takers.

2^d mo. 1. 2. 3. 4. spent in preparing for and receiving our friends, and those of the institution; and the pleasure arising therefrom has been heightened by the interest all appear to take in our new location.

5th 6th 7th The fourth being the day of the Quarterly cong. at Providence, our family was increased by the coming of several of the Quaker Sisters committee, which held their meeting at this house. These together with a large number of anxious inquiries after our welfare, gave us an opportunity of judging of the interest taken by all classes in our society in the progress of the institution, and by the satisfaction manifested by them the hands of those were strengthened who are more immediately in the management of it. Though the schools were suspended for a day or two, yet the promptness with which the children returned to their studies convinced that nothing had been lost.

7th Being the first day of the week, our meetings were transferred from the school room where they had been previously held, to our meeting room. The satisfactory conclusion of the preceding week, together with the variety of circumstances by which it had been attended mostly new to our family rendered this day particularly appropriate for serious meditation;

And the afternoon meeting was well calculated to promote this disposition, in which the lively testimony of a sincere visitor convinced that our youthful gathering was acknowledged by Him who said, "suffer little children to come unto and forbid them not."

3rd and 4th Some discouragements have arisen lest too much confidence should be placed in human wisdom, and the creature part so much attended to as to neglect the cultivation of the good seed and the tares be sown to smother amongst it. Reflections have suggested what unpleasant sensations must arise to behold the dear children asking for bread and no one able to give it. Reflect that who have so important a charge in trust, labour more faithfully in the vineyards of our hearts, that fruits of righteousness may more abound, and the tender offerings become har-
takers thereof. W I P

10th assembled in the meeting room, William. May joined us for the time.

11th Father and some others of the family gone to attend Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

12th Pleasant weather for those who returned this afternoon from Smithfield.

13th A high wind and beating snow storm; and as the weather without prevented our seeking any amusement abroad, we found in social converse and domestic society at church with to beguile the afternoon. Miss Adman from New Port, having joined the family circle contributed not a little to the promotion of these fireside enjoyments.

14th Our numerous family daily increasing may there be an increase of knowledge and wisdom, of that kind which is profitable to direct in all our movements, attended meeting as usual.

15th Refreshed by a temporary suspension of our exertions, and still encouraged by the success of past

endeavours, this day commenced another week. Not unfruitful of an useful lesson taught us in the course of our experience, that difficulties will arise, offences must come, but the part of the Christian is to bear these with patience and surmount those with fortitude.

16th Feb & 18th Five scholars have been added to our family, and with this increase, an increase of responsibility is felt, to watch over the youthful mind, and when more sensible of the importance of the trust confided to us, our minds have been most disposed to seek after that wisdom, which only is sufficient to qualify for its proper discharge.

19th & 20th " " " "

21st Daniel Howland was acceptably with us, at our morning meeting, and sat with us in our evening retirement.

22^d From 22^d to 27th of 2nd mo. our diary bears no mark of our having taken note of time, but although though there has been no written observance of the passing hours, we believe there has been a prevailing solicitude, that they might not be classed among those which have been in vain.

28th At our morning meeting we had the company of our friends Howland Greene, Edward Cobb and Thomas Jones, who imparted much important and salutary counsel. From 28th of 2nd mo. to 13th of 3rd mo. The time has been unmarked by variety of incident, but each succeeding day has convinced us of the necessity of unceasing watchfulness, and an individual submission to the regulating principle of truth, the only means by which we can advance or promote the best of ourselves and ^{each} other.

14th of 3rd mo. 1820 More than twelve mo. have elapsed since the addition of one note to this diary, during which time many things worthy of record have transpired in this little republic, and although the writer of the above no longer makes one of this family, yet is hoped some still remain

in whose minds the occurrences of the last year are written and that such will feel a sufficient interest to induce them to inform future readers that the time has not been totally blank in this institution as this book now seems to imply.

Athma 1st 1823.*

As there has been so much interest manifested, by the committee and individuals for the right establishment and good order of this institution, as to request some minutes might be made of such occurrences as would be most likely to interest the present and future generations, we feel no small regret that such a blank should appear in the annals of this little republic. Here the stationary residents, whose minds are engrossed in the same round of daily exercises which necessarily await, have not time for retrospection or the collection of ideas, to assert daily occurrences, necessarily required, for keeping the chain connected from time to time; particularly when unmarked with that variety of incident that naturally interests a partial mind; Trusting there may be a succession of standard bearers, for the promotion of the good work, we feel desirous to collect as much as may be from memory and what written documents may be found to ^{fill} the chasm that a space of nearly four years has exhibited. It is hoped the reader of these imperfect sketches may make due allowances for the many inaccuracies that deficiency of memory and want of talents may display to those more amply qualified to collect materials for the purpose. This Diary appears to have been left in the 9th month 1819. (The number of scholars at that time were 73) until the committee met again, 14th of 4th mo 1820. when they had increased in the whole to 99, 40 males and 59 females.

* Notwithstanding the wish expressed above, that there might be some in this institution, who felt sufficiently interested to continue this Diary, it appears to have been totally neglected until this time.

So much harmony and good order was preserved in the family and among the scholars, as to admit sufficient encouragement to pursue with uncommitted attention the great object in view. The number of the committee for the present year amounted to sixty nine, from which twenty, male and female, were selected to visit the school once a month, to afford such assistance in that and the family as circumstances might require. The school being large, & well thronged, our visitor was agreeable with some came for that purpose and spent a short time in the sewing school.

In the fifth month Betsey Printon left the institution to attend a New York Yearly meeting. Sister Mary Ann Campbell took her place for two weeks. Soon after her return a severe tempest occurred, the thunder and lightning awful, which caused much alarm among the scholars. During the time of our Yearly Meeting we were favoured with many of our friends and returning therefrom, the weather was hot and sultry. Another tempest arose, with heavy thunder and lightning that excited renewed surprise among the children, but the calming influence of the minds of the visitors had a consoling effect upon these terrible feelings, which were soon settled in a ^{solemn} quiet. On the day following a number of the family with our guests set off for the Yearly Meeting, returned and found all well. We received, in our instant establishment, with the company of divers friends, who were traveling in this part of the wilderness in the service of truth, among the number were Ruth Wallock, Sarah Hull, Elizabeth H. Walker, Susan Dutton, Margaret Judson, Deborah Brooks and others, who graciously administered to our necessities from that bountiful store, whence flows that instruction which is tempered with wisdom and well calculated to improve the teachable mind. They visited the schools and sat divers meetings with us. William Rickman from Great Britain in the course of the season spent many days not only in religious retirement, but in visiting the schools, he having spent nearly 4 years in the captivity.

of a teacher rendered himself very useful and agreeable not only to the scholars, but to the several branches of the family. In the seventh Mr. Rodman who had gratuitously and acceptably rendered his services as teacher since the first establishment of this institution, returned home, leaving a void in the school, which was for a short time supplied by William Gifford.

In the ninth Stephen A. Chase from Salem Mass. was very acceptably and agreeably introduced as associate teacher, and Gifford left.

In the tenth month of this autumn J. Gardner and Mary Mitchell left the school, having gratuitously and usefully spent seven months in the institution as instructors, for which much satisfaction was expressed, both by the committee and family.

About this time Mirajah Collins and wife visited the institution, spent some time with us very agreeably with us, and were cheerfully disposed to stay in the hands that were ready to hang down.

The school though smaller at that time than winter was not sufficiently so, to be attended by G. Hill, who had also gratuitously rendered three months of her services for the past year. Eunice Jones entered as an assistant in which capacity she served until the arrival of Margaret Pierce, some time back, in the twelfth month. She had previously agreed with and come on that purpose to supersede G. Hill's place, who left at the expiration of the year 1819.

The year 1820 appears unmarked with any remarkable until the 2nd mo. Our Quarterly meeting then, and the meeting of the general committee occasioned many of our absent friends to visit us.

Mirajah Collins and wife, were among the number, A. Chase and wife, and many others from Salem and elsewhere; a mutual rejoicing was experienced,

by many, and their hearts were glad; some tarried until just
day, and their acceptable communication on that day and
previous aid as occasion required was a strength and solace
to our minds. The number convened at that time about thirty.

Nothing worthy of remark seems sealed upon the
recollection, until the fifth month, when the annual com-
mittee met again, whose report for the yearly meeting
with respect to the government of the household, preservation
of harmony, adity meetings &c. The average number of scholars
about seventy.

Not far from this time W. P. Winton and St. A.
came to the school on a short visit to Salem among their
connections, and to attend the Quarterly meeting there;
after their return Thomas Howland and several others of
the family attended family meetings, at which time we
as usual had much company, manifesting by their demeanor
a renewed interest in our movements.

Soon after Mr. Howland left us to attend the quarterly meet-
ing in Cambridge and visit his friends there; during
his absence our feelings were much excited and deeply
aggravated by a distressing occurrence; it took place on
the 20th of June. The boys under the care of their teacher
were permitted to go to the river to bathe - one of them,
an expert swimmer, got in the water until his strength
was nearly exhausted, became alarmed and sunk; the
teacher ever watchful over his charge, saw the sad
catastrophe without being able to render him that assis-
tance, which the alarming circumstance required, uttered
up his voice and did aloud for help, which being near,
was soon obtained, and great exertions were made to save
his precious life but in vain, he was taken from the
water, where it was supposed he had been for the
space of ten or fifteen minutes; several Physicians be-
ing near, many experiments were made for his recovery
but to no purpose. After his case became hopeless,
he was brought to this dwelling, at the sight of one

whose prospects a few hours before for usefulness and life now sunk in cold shades of death; caused every to throb with sensations of heartfelt sorrow, a lamentable and deeply affecting circumstance to every feeling mind. The following day, being the first day of the week, he was interred on the premises, a meeting was held on the occasion, which which was attended by most of the students of Brown University and many from town; The meeting was large, solemn, and satisfactory, some of public testimonies were borne tending to settle the mind in an humble dependence on him, who is able to command silence to every improper word and wish; The deceased left a dear afflicted mother in Haverbeck to mourn his untimely end, who was much grieved on the occasion and some of us were induced by that feeling which extendeth over sea and land, and to mingle, though far remote the tear of sympathy, with the tear of anguish.

In the course of this summer we were visited with the company of many friends, from different parts of the state, among whom were Nicholas Brown and companion from Canada Charles Osborn and companion from Indiana Edmund Cleveland and others from New York; whose company and ministerial services were particularly acceptable to us.

In the third month our committee met as usual some of the strangers sat with them; things in general were an encouraging aspect; but where deficiencies appeared, the attention of the acting committee was necessarily directed to greater diligence in their charge.

In the ninth month Betsey Purington made a short excursion to South Kingston for the benefit of her health;

In the eleventh month several of the

family attended the Quarterly meeting at sumner's self
after which the committee assembled twenty members - being
straightened for time until the next day to visit the schools,
many observations were made indicative of satisfaction,
particularly with respect to the orderly conduct of the pupils
their improvement more visible than some former times.

In the 12th mo. The sub-committee met, were in close
quarters, no visit in the schools.

About this time, Mary Dixon, a virtuous and pious
girl from Plainfield, Connecticut entered the school in deli-
cate health. A short acquaintance with her convinced us that
a hectic awaited her and very soon our apprehensions were con-
firmed. Her friends were early apprized, & a Physician called,
but in vain, the dire disease, consumption, had fixed its seat
and no medical aid could remove it. During her illness
she experienced much bodily distress, — She gave ample proof
that she had not been led by cunningly devised fables, but
that she had long been under the perni-
cious process of indigestion, affording us
just cause to believe, that she became an inmate in that
mansion which is inaccessible to sorrow. She departed this
life in the 1st mo, leaving behind a sweet savor that remained
with our associates, as a precious testimony of her worth.
How few early yet show this impressive language to
all, "Be ye also ready." After a solemn meeting held
on the occasion, she was interred by the side of the former
departed member of this family.

The school increasing, to the number of one
hundred and eight in all Lydia Paine was em-
ployed in the female department, as an assistant.
While it continued so, which was a considerable time
there seem'd no time for rest, the bodily and mental
faculties were all call'd into action, in order to pre-
serve that system require'd.

Eng 13th 2d

A large number of the committee attended

to their concern in the institution, and also found
much to do for the support of the testimony given us
to bear in which many seemed to take a lively interest,
leaving many injunctions for the support of good
for the family; Our dear friends, Maria & Brown often
lent their aid in this cause by visiting and watching
over us for good.

One month,

Although things continued to move in
the same orbit, unmarked with any extraordinary event
until this time; when the general committee met, yet
there was little time for relaxation from the important
charge, either for watching over our own spirits, or for seek-
ing that ability which would enable us to guard the
avenues of the mind in order that we might be right
to in and out with the hostile, and thereby enabled
to counsel in wisdom and reprove with judgment.

At the meeting of the committee nothing came to our
knowledge worthy of observation, except the satisfaction
manifested in the order and harmony of the council,
and the increasing improvement of the scholars at
that time as well as at former periods. The number
of scholars for the past year had been variable - some
part of it very small; The average number reported
to the Yearly meeting was 5. The health of the com-
munity was ^{poor} as being a peculiar favour, there had not
been one scholar confined to the nursery for several months
a very great encouragement to those who had so indefat-
igably laboured for the support of the good cause.

Meetings had been uniformly kept up and mostly
attended by some of our neighbouring friends, whose
helping hands had been a source of encouragement to us.
Later this, B. Duntun left the Institution, to attend
the quarterly meeting at Salem, and, visit friends there
absent one week. The number of scholars the past quar-
ter about eighty.

For the year this time, & Price left the school to visit

her kind and relations in New-York - although her place was supplied, by her mother of Cumberland, yet she left a blank unfilled, where she had acceptably presided for a year and a half. So many of the family attended the Yearly meeting that it left quite a void at home. At the close of the meeting we returned and found all well; and the following were made glad in the return of Mr. Pierce - he returned to his charge, after an absence of six weeks, with unabated zeal.

Many Eastern friends gave us their company going and returning from Yearly Meeting among whom, were Mr. & Mrs. and wife whose attention to the school is ever acceptable. We were also favoured with the company of many strangers, who came in succession among whom, were William Field and wife, with Patience Harvilland and others from New-York, whose humble, seeking minds, would peculiarly be calculated to do us good. Stephen Giddette and in company with Margaret and Elizabeth Alinson from Burlington also spent some time us. But few of description are so minutely qualified to enter into all the different departments to so high a degree of usefulness.

They soon became so initiated as even to mingle in those feelings in which the exercised mind becomes deeply involved under the weight of care that attends the important office in such an institution; and if the fruits of such labour are not manifest by an individual improvement, great indeed will be our condemnation. About this time Mr. Purington and Mr. Chase left the for a short time to ^{visit} their friends in Salem.

Stoughton,

Several of the family attended the quarterly meeting on Rhode Island, after which the committee met as usual; nothing came to our view from them worthy of notice. In the course of the month Thomas Howland and Stephen Chase, who had long and acceptably served the institution as teachers in the male department, left the school on account of ill health and

9th month,

1st mo, 1822—

London,

Many ^{of} scholars attended ~~at~~ the
quarterly meeting, notwithstanding the weather was
very cold; it proved a refreshing meeting to some of us

Nothing worthy of note, came to our knowledge from the committee, who met on the day following at the close of their sitting dispersed with unusual haste. The family pursued the same round of attention and care for this, and the succeeding month.

4th month, 1st

Samuel Boyd Tobey entered the school as Teacher, and Jones left the school on a visit to his connections, in Maine, from whom he had been separated 4 months; this together with the absence of McDurinton, left us very lonely, the latter having gone to accompany Anna at home on a religious visit to the south and to attend the Yearly meetings of New York and Philadelphia. The absence of superintendence caused an accumulation of care to devolve those who remained behind, but the increased vigilance and care of our kind friends Moses and Obadiah Brown, order was preserved, and with a few exceptions, the business of the institution satisfactorily attended to, some cruising in regard to the cargo, was readily acceded to by the above said friends, who were our daily counselors.

5th month,

Josiah Jones returned from Thomas Wilbur left - having spent several months very acceptably in the school.

A number of the family attended the quarterly meetings at Greenwich. The committee at their stated meetings were unusually exercised withal, lest there should be a departure from our primitive simplicity in dress and manners, and they were desirous to impress on the minds of the caretakers the necessity of supplanting the testimony our worthy predecessors have so faithfully to maintain. Believing it had been as a hedge round about us, and would continue so to be a wall of preservation while attended to, from principle. They enjoined it as a duty incumbent on the care

takers, it appeared that meetings had been kept up
harmoniously. The average number of scholars
reported to the Yearly meeting this year was about 75. —

7. 1810

At Durinton returned after an absence
of 10 weeks to our mutual rejoicing. ^{This period relates to the word absence}
At this time many of our friends from the Eastward
gave us their comforts while on their way to the Year-
ly meetings, which was very acceptable to us among
whom were Moses & Sarah and wife, Thomas Jones and
wife, and a Lottins and wife with many others.

We were also favoured with the company of George
Wither from Great Britain, J. Morris from Philadel-
phia, James Holt and Phoebe Field from New York
whom some of us attended the Yearly meeting. After
which, was favoured with the company of James and
Sophia Holt & Phoebe Field &c. They spent several days
with us, attending such instruction in the schools
as well as must long be remembered, and treasured
up for future improvement, as flowing from minds
peculiarly calculated for the general government of
such an Institution. —

They attended several of our meetings, to our com-
fort and administered such counsel as our situation
required. and we parted with them with much regret.

38. 1810

After the quarterly meeting our school was
visited by the committee with satisfaction; & Mr. Had
a precious opportunity in the families. Soon after Mr. Dore
and Peter Durinton were absent a week on a visit to friends
in Dublin; attended the quarterly meeting in that place.
Rowland Moore and daughter returned in company
with them, and made us a very pleasant visit. Attended our
meeting, very acceptably.

Soon after George Withy and companion visited us again.

He took much interest in the school, but during our
last little sat meeting in silence with us, under deep exercise
of mind; On the following day attended meeting in town, and
giving our scholars an invitation, they accepted it, and to-
gether with others of the family attended, in this meeting
a noble proof was given to him, whose servant he was, soon
after left us for New York accompanied by Eladiah Brown
wife.

The same day Adm. Hatton and companion from New York
visited us and spent the night; left in the morning, after
having a religious opportunity in the ^{family} for Greenwich.
Our family during the past season had been much harassed with
the greatest of all temporal blessings that of health.

10th mo,

We began to have our faith nearly tried and our
feelings continually depressed, not only with sickness in the
house but our dear and never to be forgotten friend, Dr. D.
^{deceased} had been our common counsellor on almost all occasions, and
proved himself to be an unwearied friend; he was suddenly and
violently attack'd with a fever, which combined with a complica-
tion of disease unknown to ^{the} Physicians, consulted in his case,
which proved unyielding to medical aid and a few days termi-
nated his precious life. During his illness, he seemed that
his mind was abstracted from all earthly pursuits, and con-
centred on him, who declares death is his friend, and who
gives ^{the} victory over the grave. We believe it may be justly said
that he had fought the good fight, won the battle, and
finished his course with a well rounded head, receiving
the unmerited laurels of reward. His donations amply proved
his interest, the deep interest he felt in this institution,
was amply proved in his donations, in the establishment
of it; also those at his death, for future prosperity,
but ages yet unborn may reap the benefits resulting
from his liberality.

About this Dr. P. Printer, accompanied by Arnold C. Langer
left the school to attend the quarterly meeting at Sandwich and
some meetings constituting it, and though absent but three weeks,

several changes took place, which materially affected this institution, the first the removal of Hiram Wick, who had formerly been in dispo-^{sed}, he was one of the active committee who felt a lively interest in the welfare of this institution; while health would admit he visited the school frequently; and was ever ready in a committee capacity to assist in the promotion of harmony and good order; He left a valuable donation to this institution. Close on steamer joined O. Brown; after a short illness, quietly departed this life with a full assurance of blessed immortality as has been above mentioned. These circumstances occasioned a premature return of our superintendent, but mean the sacrifice is productive of peace—

But to return to our own family. Several of them soon became very ill with fevers, in the meantime several of the family left to attend the quarterly meeting at Somerset—a favored season it proved to some of them and may it be long remembered—On our return, the committee met as usual twenty two in number, mournful indeed was the retrospection of the past year; wherein four of their number had been consigned to the silent grave, a great much in the fatherly and by which the hearts of many were made sad—The following day Isaiah Jones was suddenly taken down, and soon became alarmingly ill, hence every exertion, both by medical aid and otherwise was resorted to, which under the blessing of kind Providence had a salutary effect, so that after much suffering, he was, in the course of two months restored to health and vigor; previous to his recovery Samuel B. Tobey was seized with a similar complaint and reduced to that state of inability, which excited much alarm on his account—This illness depriving the school of both teachers in the male department much anxiety was felt in consequence; this was however soon removed by the kind assistance of Amos E. Coston, who together with one or female teacher, acceptably continued their services until the teachers were restored to health—

A number of the scholars also, were about this time taken down in succession, though with less fatal prospects in the beginning, and were all restored in due time for which favour with many others, daily bestowed upon us, may gratitude arise in every heart, to the all-wise director of events, under the humbling consideration that those whom the Master loveth, he chasteneth, in order to prove the loyalty of their faith. Thus wound up the fourth year of our pilgrimage in these walls. In the retrospection of which there is that culpability found, which was attached to ancient Sisyphus, when on examination he felt the penalty of his own judgment in the loss of time.

May a consideration of this mispent, so humble our minds, and more especially the writer, to exert renewed watchfulness and care that in future the day's work may keep pace with the day.

1823.

1st Nov^r - being fourth day of the week - The commencement of this year is unmarked with any extraordinary event, tho' when a silent, secret enquiry is made in regard to fulfilling the christian virtues, the heart responds with weakness from conscious deficiency, yet greatly rejoices in gratitude for the extension of mercy, in looking over the unusual exercises for two months past on account of the illness of some members of the family, who are now renewedly animated with the gladdening prospect of returning health. Sarah Jones so far recovered as to give some attention to the duties of the School -

5th - Caroline Sobey (another of S. B. Sobey) arrived to day - Having heard of the illness of her son came from Berwick Maine, in two days and a half in the mail stage - distance 240 miles, and was a welcome guest to us particularly at this time tho' Samuel was so far recovered as to be able to ride out -

5th The weather very fine - Anna & Henry and Mary Silsworth attended our meeting and had acceptable service therein after which dined and spent the day at

Moses Brown -

19th Some of us with Caroline Tobey attended meeting in town and dined with Dorcas Brown - the health of all the invalids improving -

10th Caroline and Samuel B. Tobey with Betsey Plimpton were kindly invited by L. Brown to go to Howland Green at Grafton, where the day was spent in sweet domestic quiet - returned leaving the first named friends there -

12th Last day of the week - The weather being fine several of the Committee attended meeting with us -

13th Caroline and Samuel Tobey returned (the weather very cold) and spent a few days with us very acceptably and pleasantly -

17th Caroline Tobey left this morning, the weather cold and the prospect of a long ~~and~~ dreary journey in the winter season looked trying and she was much felt for -

20th The other male teacher so far restored as to be able to attend to some of the duties of the school - for which, and many other favours magnificently vouchsafed to the family may a grateful sense of the obligations we owe to Him who wounds to heal and kills to make alive; often arise in our heart -

22nd The weather being fine we had the acceptable company of Dear William Foster from Great Britain John Paul from Chelsea -

David Buffum from Rhode Island Henry and S. Chase from Salem, at meeting with us, it being our usual meeting on fourth day and tho' silent, a humbling instructive season it proved to some of us - after which dined at Moses Brown's Dear William had an appointed meeting at Pawtucket in the evening in which he was much favoured in testimony - returned after attending the above said meeting H. Chase with us, who joined our family circle and spent a few days very pleasantly with us -

23rd William Foster being in town to meeting many of the family attended as also one appointed in the evening in both of which he was eminently qualified to render forth truths both ancient and new to the strength and encouragement of many minds dividing the word with skill and discrimination -

25th some of our family accompanied the above said friends out to Cranston and passed the evening very pleasantly at 11th. They from whence they took their departure the day following for New York. Eleven scholars added the school this week.

26th Being first day, sat our meetings nearly alone as respects company. School increasing.

29th Monthly meeting in town - the weather being extremely cold but few of the scholars attended.

2^d Mo. 3^d.

Eight of the sub-committee visited the schools and prepared for the general committee on the same week - several of our friends arrived from Lynn to attend the quarterly meeting bringing with them scholars with them - the number now on the list about 100 male and female - 5th and 6th Quarterly meeting after which had much company - 7th The General Committee attended to their services 28 in number - which with other visitors made a family of about 170 to dine and many to lodge - The weather extremely cold - in the evening by request of some friends the family assembled in the meeting room divers strangers being present wherein the word of exhortation flowed freely and ended to good satisfaction -

7th Being the first day of the week our meeting attended by several of our friends who passed the evening with us in our usual retirement -

13th Several of the family gone to attend the quarterly meeting at Smithfield - a change of scholars some going and others coming but the number remains about the same -

20th Monthly meeting at Smithfield - previous to which so great a quantity of snow had fallen that the roads in some places were almost impassible, however several of the family attended, the meeting though small was satisfactory.

3^d Mo. 5^d.

Family all well - Sub-committee present 9 in number visited the schools &c -

15th M. S. left this morning for Sea-Beafore - Amos Peaslee & wife attended our meeting and ministered to our necessities in the needed time. Spent the day and night with

us and sat also with us in our evening retirement and had acceptable service therein, but left the day following for New-York —

17th M. P. returned — family well — nothing for several days worthy of record —

18th being first day of the week, at our meeting this morning we had the company of Isaac Hamma from Tennessee — who in a short lively testimony manifested a lively concern for the preservation of the children from the many snares with which the youthful mind is too easily captivated — a great fall of snow about 10 inches upon the level —

26th Monthly meeting in town — very small in consequence of the snow and difficulty of traveling — very few of our family there —

30th another great fall of snow, accompanied with a strong northeast wind bordering upon a hurricane abundance of damage done in different parts of the country and some lives lost — it being first day our meeting was attended by our friends J. Warren and Moses Dow from Kennebeck on their return from an embassy to the Ohio, having in the course of their travels passed through thirteen different states. From John Howie a lively exhortation fraught with lively counsel particularly pointing to some one or more who were struggling between conviction and well known duty accompanied with fervent solicitations for faithfulness on the part of such — returned to Moses Browns to lodge —

31st The snow continuing, our friends aforesaid were unable to pursue their journey gave us another call in the after noon coming from Moses Browns on foot as the roads were so hedged up with snow as to prevent any other mode of traveling it being, where level from 20 to 24 inches deep and some of the drifts from 12 to 15 feet —

4th Mo. 1st

By great exertions some of the family reached town this, much obstructed by the snow, in the

after-noon Eliza Brown and William Allen in like manner arrived here it being Committee day no others were able to get here of course the meeting fell through but our above mentioned friends coming with them visited the schools and administered some salutary council among the boys -

2^d Fourth of the week, sat in meeting without any company by reason of the difficulty of traveling - Rachel Bird a scholar from Vermont has been confined some time to the nursery with the inflammatory rheumatism, other ways the family is in good health which is not considered among the least of temporal blessings -

3^d Some preparation has been making by the teachers in the chymical line for inhaling exhilarating gass, in which they had good success, and highly gratifying to the pupils.

5th First day our morning meeting was attended by the dear munificent widow of our late friend C. Brown the first time for five weeks having been confined by indisposition from her usual association with us but we hope no diminution of interest has occurred either from her absence imperable loss. In the afternoon had the company of Mr. Brown, and in the evening some company though our evening retirement was not obstructed -

9th No company except Mr. Brown at meeting, the teachers absent on a social visit, Rachel Bird so well as to leave the nursery, others well -

10th Considerable of snow with the wind north east. The family generally well and all moving in their accustomed orbit -

12th No uncommon occurrences except the loss of scholars having left the past week, and 4 added to the number the whole amounting to 92 -

13th Being first day of the week our meetings attended with more than usual number of our neighboring friends and some sat with us in our evening retirement -

14th Little transpired worthy note until the arrival of Miss Joanna Collins S. Bassett and so Boyce from Lynn, the former having a religious Embassy in view as far Virginia

North Carolina &c, taking this on his way - passed the evening with us in social converse -

15th M. C. accompanied by several of the family made a little call at the dwelling of our late friend C. B. to see his dear mourning widow, from thence to Cranston and spent the remainder of the day at William Knys - returned at eve, M. C. manifested a wish to see the scholars in a collective capacity which was accordingly acceded to - wherein sound counsel flowed to the instruction of many the susceptibility of the youthful mind was seasonably refined too, as being favourable for religious improvement, the necessity of making an early sacrifice, and in an impressive manner exhorted to a right appreciation of time, as all things were stamped with uncertainty, as many even in very early life had passed the meridian of their days, and the opportunity closed under a solemn covering -

16th This morning several of the family accompanied the above said friends to the steam-boat which excited some painful sensations under the consideration that all things were "stamped with uncertainty" the prospect of M. C. was too some but may that arm which has hitherto been extended for the support of the righteous be his shield and buckler while absent and he favoured to return with the enriching sheaves of sweet peace. It being fourth day our meeting was attended by Ch. and D. Brown and others -

17th It being preparative meeting in town several of the family attended, all well at home -

18th At our morning meeting had the acceptable company of dear Isaac Hamner, he sat with us under apparently great exercise of mind though silent his very countenance evinced that he was reading in deep weariness and excited with some of us unusual sympathy and may it prove a lesson of instruction as a

nail fasten'd in a sure place - In the afternoon and evening
sat our meeting and evening retirements without any company
quite unusual for us -

23rd Our monthly meeting at Smithfield, the weather very unplea-
sant, yet several of the family attended when we had the
company of A. Keene from Lynn, by whom we were excited
to a deep searching of the heart of to see if
no counterfeited love dwelt there and may we of this family
take the matter close home and examine each one for ourselves
endeavouring by more watchfulness and care to remove this
destroyer of domestic quietness the bane of all good so that
we may become renew'dly united in the promotion
of every good word and work, on our return we call'd at
Ch. Brown's and found D. Johnson the companion of
A. Keene very much impaired by a fall from the
carriage on his way here in consequence of which
he is confined to the house -

25th Cicero calls this morning from the friends of the scholar
in the after-noon an acceptable visit from our friends
Ch. Brown and D. Johnson who tho' feeble is slowly mendi-
ng - his female companions gone to Rhode-Island.
Our evening circle has been very interesting during the
past week by hearing read the memoirs of Quoy Fletcher

27th 1844 our morning meeting had the company of Ch. Brown
and Clark Coffin - sat in our after-noon meeting and
evening retirement in silence, though we hope the
time was not unprofitably spent, but trust an exercise
of mind was not only felt but cherished for the prospe-
rity of Jerusalem that peace may abound within her
walls and quietness within her palaces -

28th Had the acceptable company of Quoy Brown and
Clark Coffin Daniel Johnson and William Abney who
visited the schools &c -

29th Five of our sub-committee assembled some of whom
visited the schools and made some preparation for
the General committee on 5th day -

5.th Mo. 1.st Quarterly meeting at Greenwich several of the family attended. a favored season, returned at night accompanied by our dear friends Et. Thorne and company who joined our fire side circle and passed the evening in social converse to mutual satisfaction—

2.^d General committee met as usual 18 in number who were engaged nearly all day in the meeting room in consequence of which very little attention was paid to the schools, though some satisfaction was manifested in the improvement of the scholars. The average number reported to the yearly meeting for the year just was 59— that meetings were kept up harmony preserved &c. Some of our committee and other friends passed the night with us when our evening employment was much enhanced by the arrival of Jeremiah Hackett from Salem on his return from Portland, who being furnished with much news gave an unexpected zest to our enjoyments—

4.th Being first of the week our morning meeting was attended by C. Brown and some others, in the afternoon by John Wilbur whose services were very acceptable as also in our family collection in the evening when the scholars were all collected in one room and we trust the opportunity proved to be an evening of refreshment to some of the number—

10.th Certain nothing material has transpired during the past week to add any satisfactory traces upon the page of our little revolutionary orbit, yet we trust that some of our minds have been seriously impressed with the importance of the trust imposed in us and the great responsibility attached thereto. Some feeble efforts have been made to discharge the various duties incumbent upon us. we can only acknowledge that weakness is ours, that there is great deficiency in regard to that religious engagement of mind which would preserve us from error, yet we are encouraged by the animating hope

of seeing the fulfilment of that testimony, that, as by ~~length~~
is day is, so shall be thy strength. Colley Pearce and several
others of the family gone on a visit to William Almy, the weather
unusual cold for the season and much rain having fallen
for two days past affords a flattering prospect in regard to
vegetation which with the health of the family claims much
gratitude of heart

11th It being first day, our morning meeting was attended by our friends
Moses Brown and Thomas Howland, in the afternoon had the
addition of Wm Almy, Sarah Greene and several others, which with
a lively exhortation from W. A. was acceptable to us. T. Howland and
S. Greene passed the night, and of course attended our evening
sacrifice, which, though comparable to a turtle dove or a young
pigeon, we hope may sometimes prove acceptable in the Divine view
that so we may become renewedly qualified, to rear the tender charge,
"and teach the young idea how to shoot"

17th Although several days have elapsed without any additional
notes, and nothing particularly transpired to claim our
attention there, to yet we feel the necessity of dwelling under
that humble cover whereby we may be enabled to move
in our various abominations with renewed circumspection and
care, watching with unremitting attention over our own
spirits, so that we may become qualified to govern others
under the influence of that wisdom which is tempered
with meekness—

8th (Last first of the week), our meetings tho' visited by many
of our neighbors were attended by only two of the male
members of our committee no female having sat with
us for some time which has had a discouraging tendency
on some of our minds, when the important charge resting
upon us is oppressively felt and the solemn sentence
of "Father the Children," is mentally sounded in
our ears, when feeling that weakness remains
to be ours we shrink from the idea, yet cherish a
hope that tho' we often sit as the "solitary in the
family" that He who promised to be with the two or
three that are gathered in his name will not be unmineral of us—

14th The weather fine and springlike the first we have had for two days together hence vegetation remains very backward but the prospect good as yet for a fruitful year. Six new scholars added to the family to day which continues to be large, near an hundred and all in thriving good health a favour we desire to hold in grateful remembrance - - -

Having been much affected by the sudden exit of dear James Chett as announce in the New York Spectator who having been mentioned with affectionate regard in a preceding page of this diary, we consider it a legacy due to his merit to say (after the interest taken and instruction afforded by him in this school) that the traces of it in association with the virtues of his excellent mind will we trust long be adverted to as a source from whence much useful knowledge may be derived, and as the purity of his life was worthy imitation may his bright and shining example stimulate our minds to follow him as he followed Christ -

15th Rather very warm thermometer up to 81°

16th Fourth day meeting attended by C. A. and L. Brown who spent a part of the day with us and by their usual interest afforded instruction and encouragement -

17th This and the two preceding days have been spent in attending to the various duties of our department to which is attached no ordinary weight of responsibility and times oppressively felt by those on whom the important charge devolves, yet we have not suffered discouragement so to prevent as to prevent our endeavouring to fulfil our allotted portions of labor in the general exercise of care over the flock and family at large who are still preserved from ill health. Many visitors in the course of the day past week -

25th First day. Meeting attended by some of the residents and more than usual of our neighboring friends with some strangers. It has been a day of close exercise with some of the family who are placed as watchmen upon the walls yet we have a hope terminated in the extension of that care which calls for every faculty of the mind to be under the influence of that government which is tempered with meekness, and clothed with that wisdom which will enable us to counsel in wisdom and reprove with judgement—

26th A large portion of company, some of whom contribute not a little to our comfort secluded as we are from the general mass of society. Several new scholars our number amounting to 104—

28th Fourth day of the week, and Monthly meeting in town the weather being good most of our scholars attended which enlarged the meeting very much and after some exercise terminated to good satisfaction—

30th The weather cold for the season and a very heavy rain—

31st Closed the spring season the weather cool but very fine the thermometer standing at 50— The past has been a week of care and we trust all have found sufficient labour at their destined posts, and though fatiguing to both body and mind we have on reflection the satisfaction to believe that each of us has been endeavouring to discharge our several duties according to the ability afforded, which remains to be oppressive as we have but little aid from our committee.

1st Mo. The weather still cool the thermometer standing at 51. Chas. Brown the only one excepting our own family who attended our morning meeting. The afternoon meeting was attended by Mr. Abner Jonathan Denio and a number of others, after meeting which a great crowd of company— however intrusive upon that retirement which is desirable, it is a peculiar satisfaction to find at evening close that our scholars have been preserved in much quietness through the day—

2^d Still occupied with labors and mental exercise
no time to rest, but all industry ^{const} employed in pro-
viding for our numerous families which remain
in number as last week. in the evening some of
us were much interested in reading and hearing
read the letter of Richard Shackleton with some
accounts of his ~~of~~ pious life religious labors
and peaceful close

5th The weather for several days has been very warm
the thermometer standing at from 72 to 86 - some of
the committee attended to their monthly duties
of visiting the schools, &c -

6th We notice the favours of some visitors from New-
York viz. Henry and Wagon Hull Hannah P. Felt
and Mathe Barnard who spent a part of the day
with the family, visited the Sabbath school &c. made
some pertinent remarks on the improvements in
their education and closed the opportunity with
acceptable service both in testimony and supplication.

7th Favoured again with the acceptable company of
dear H. S. Field who passed the day in social converse
with the family. The above mentioned friends
made a short call and spent a little time with
us. In the evening arrived Elizabeth Pogoda Han-
nah Collier and Cury. Pogoda from Salem
(welcome guest) with whom we passed the
evening very pleasantly

8th First day of the week - Our meeting attended only
by those friends above named exclusive of our own
family, a very uncommon circumstance, yet we
have some grounds for hope it was not a day wholly
lost but that a secret wrestle was maintained by
individuals for the blessing of preservation. A few
of our friends ^{only} called this evening and a very
little interruption was experienced. -

9th Our Salem friends still with us to satisfaction
had a pleasant morning call from our ~~brother~~

friends Eleazer Brown Henry & W. Hull who left us for Cranston
The weather continues very cool - Grumbla of the scholars passed
the evening with us in the sitting room and was interested
with reading -

10th Some company among whom was Dr. Brown and S. Haven who
with other guests was pleasant to us -

11th At our usual week day meeting we had many visitors - among
whom was dear Hannah G. Tildie who ministered to our com-
fort from that repository from whence proceedeth things
both "ancient and new" and the meeting closed with
supplication - May the opportunity be long remembered
and the salutary counsel treasured up for future im-
provement -

12th and 13th We have been surrounded with company on their
way to Yearly Meeting among whom was several of our com-
mittee, with whom we took sweet counsel and felt our
heart a little strengthened thereby which are ready to hang
down with weakness on viewing the importance of our charge.

14th Since our last no circumstance has occurred of sufficient
consequence to swell the records of this diary - Yet in order
to keep the slender thread in existence, we may add that
on the 7th day of the week and 14th of the month a considerable
number of the scholars accompanied by one of the male
teachers went by water to Cranston to attend Yearly
Meeting. On 1st and 4th day in their absence our meet-
ings were attended by Annae Almy - and on 5th day
the 19th our scholars returned in good health and found
those who stayed by the staff nearly so. The weather
extremely warm the thermometer stood at 91 - we had
at this time the satisfaction to see divers of our friends
who were bending their courses homeward -

20th Many of our friends are still with us, and a meeting
appointed by John Cuam from Pennsylvania and John
Wells from Hartford Conn. in which council flowed for
the instruction of many particularly for the scholars of
different ages -

21st. The weather very fine, and sweetly refreshing after the sultry heat previously felt. The thermometer having fallen below 80. Our friends all left us this morning except E. Roger and H. Collins. Ch. and D. Brown came and spent the forenoon pleasantly with us. The remainder of the day unusually quiet —

22nd. First day of the week. Our meetings as is usual. Considerable company towards evening some of whom sat with us in our evening retirement —

25th. Nothing worthy remark the two preceding days. This 4th day our monthly meeting as usual which was attended by a number of the family who passed the remainder of the day in their neighborhood —

29th. Things since our last have passed in their regular order — some change of scholars but about the same number — near an hundred. Considerable of company attended our meetings this day — among whom was Anna Army. and Benj. Critchell from Kine partners came in toward evening and joined us in our evening sacrifice whose services with that of Anna Army's were salutary and acceptable evincing a tender concern for the prevalence of love and harmony

7th Mo. 1st. Our committee day — 15 assembled who appeared to be industriously employed through the day visiting the schools &c. The number of scholars 102. E. Roger and H. Collins after spending about two weeks with us very acceptably, have taken their departure leaving a very great thank in some of our minds as well as in the social circle in which they have taken an interested part.

8th. The weather warm and the season uncommonly fruitful cherries in abundance and the first crop of fine crops. In the evening a little chymical exhibition in the girls school room such as burning sulfur &c in which they had good success and the scholars much gratified.

10th The weather still warm the thermometer has stood from 80 to 88 for several days past. The family in good health. — Wilkinson from town came this morning with a

13th First day of the week — our morning meeting acceptably attended by Daniel Howland and wife — in the afternoon in like manner by William Almy and others. The weather cool and very refreshing after intense heat. The health of the family remains to be good with very few exceptions —

16th Our fourth day meeting attended by Cuoses Brown and Dorcas Brown with several of their family — accompanied by Sarah Coffin and daughter from the nine-partners —

17th Hannah Collins remained to the school. William Almy Thomas Howland and divers others called and spent a part of the after noon with us. This day was solemnized by the marriage of William Jenkins to Anne Almy at Granston —

19th The weather very comfortable. The family well with one or two exceptions in the female department the number of scholars amounting to 102 —

20th First day — Our meetings attended by an unusual number of visitors — in the latter William Almy appeared in testimony and supplication — towards evening, many inhabitants of the town called to see the scholars and a large number were walking upon the premises which has been considered an infringement upon our privileges. The disadvantages arising therefrom having been previously considered by the committee, notifications have at different times, been placed upon the north and south gates to prevent further intrusions — which is occasionally removed.

24. A total eclipse of the moon, which was attentively viewed by those skilled in Astronomy affording much satisfaction both to them and to those of inferior skill. Though we had nothing but a common glass, yet through this, many beautiful spots discovered which were invisible to the naked eye. —

the family were so much interested in a practical view of what had been figuratively represented to them that they kept the watch until it passed off - some one or two - duration about 4 hours.

22. The fourth day Meeting attended by S. J. & Iren's wife
In the afternoon, several friends called and spent a short time with us. CW

24. Pres. meeting in town - the family being with some of them attended - Some Sermons left which to us is much in the domestic circle. "

25. Hannah Collins left us again on Sat. Night
No company remains with us - unusual - a heavy rain fell in the evening

27. First day - but little company at meeting and an uncommonly quiet day - the conduct of the Sermons very commendable affording peculiar satisfaction to the saints - which is cause of humble gratitude - And may we so walk before them as to leave no cause of stumbling or give just occasion for offence.

30. Monthly Meeting in town - many of our large family attended enlarging the meeting about one half and we have the consolation to add that their conduct was ~~the~~ the matter very warm the meeting closed yesterday at 5 o'clock at 85. CW

8th Mo 1st. Weather continues warm - Hannah Collins returned - Several friends from White^{Co} called and made us a short visit.

9. Passed the day in our usual round of domestic care - the family in good health - the weather in Concord

3. 10th day - which, like last, first day, has been spent in more quietude than has been for some of latter some of the committee and other friends at the meetings in the day close, with regard to local things, in peace

11. Weather sultry in the morning - About noon there suddenly arose a very heavy cloud from which fell a great quantity of rain accompanied with a strong wind and thunder and lightning the afternoon passed but the evening was awfully tempestuous.

- 5th The weather fine. Many friends called on their way to Quarterly Meeting at Portsmouth, N.H. some of the committee present - but no business done.
- 7th Maria Bevinson returned from N. H. Hannah Collins residing in the family in their absence during which nothing unpleasant occurred.
- 8th General committee met, number 22, having the afternoon only they did not visit the schools but spent most of the time in the committee room - then met 80
- 9th Several of the committee having passed the night with us, made proposals for improvements in the boys' school such as new desks &c. They spent the forenoon with us, visited the schools and paid some attention to our domestic concerns Hannah Collins left for Lygon taking with her 2 scholars, who with some others just left are much missed. 9 remain
- 10th First day (our meeting attendance) by Miss S. Brown, William May and others. The latter, however to moderation in all our movements, the day closed in quietude and the weather cool and refreshing.
- 12th The weather warm and sultry with occasional showers through the day. Rachel Byrd returned to assist in the school accompanied by Elizabeth Brown from New York and Sam Brown from South Kingston who are now with us on a social visit.
- 15th The time since our last meeting has been enjoyed in the society of guests who joined the social circle on the 13th and left this morning. In the afternoon had a visit from our kind friends James Robinson and wife who passed the evening with us in social converse. J Swift who came yesterday with two children to the school was taken ill. S B has been complaining a few days the rest of the family well.
- 17th J Robinson and wife attended our meetings all day and entered very usefully into the concerns of the institution in which they were joined by W Brown T May and others, the familiar interchange of sentiment.

terminated to mutual satisfaction - having no company this
morning all parties in much quietness

17th of Smith so far recovered as to leave this morning - some
of us were deeply affected by the account, this day received,
of the sudden death of Sarah Greene - a valuable member
of our committee

19. Some company this morning after a heavy shower of
rain accompanied with thunder and lightning
Though the day produced many cares that imposed a
great claim upon our attention yet several of us found
it incumbent upon us to pay the last tribute to our
deceased friend and attended her funeral at 2 o'clock
P.M. to good satisfaction

20. The weather very warm - being preparative meeting.
In town, some of the family and scholars attended
22^d. Family and scholars accidentally visited by Samuel
Wood and wife from New York who, with some other
visitors, spent most of the day with us - A sudden
change of weather - some frost seen this morning family
in good health - the scholars received in number betwe-
en 25 & 30 than at any time since the commencement of
the present year

24th ^{Friday} Meeting attended by S Wood and wife
and others in the evening assembly in the boys
schoolroom where one of S Smith's sermons was
read by one of the male teachers which quietly and
satisfactorily closed the day

27. Monthly meeting at Smithfield a number of the fam-
ily attended - returned and found things in their
usual order - family well and weather very warm

30. This morning A Pierce took passage in the steam boat
for N. H. to spend a few weeks with her friends there
leaving a great blank in the school and family

31 This day closed the summer season in a retrospect
which, may we not only say with ancient Sages
that one year had been lost during
- that little gain as far as regards our true actions

may it have a tendency to excite to grateful feelings
that in future the day's work may keep pace
with the day - many of our friends attended our
meetings and some sat with us in our evening
retirement - thermometer stood at 89. 7th
9mo 1st. Lydia C. Smith came to take Abby Pierce's
place in the school during her absence - the num-
ber of scholars 90. 10

2. Committee assembled - 22 in number to whom
a proposal was made to furnish the institution
with chemical and philosophical apparatus
which was acceded to - also a room for the school
library was put in over containing upwards of 2000
volumes - it was further concluded to build a
washroom for the girls covering the ^{north} east door -
The school received a limited visit wherein some dis-
satisfaction was manifested. In the afternoon the mee-
ting for sufferings sat in the meeting room on the sub-
ject of G. Brown's donation to this institution.

3. 4th of the week - our meeting attended by Clark Rice
and Mary B. Allen and others

6. Having in the course of the week had much compa-
ny it seems desirable at the close to sit down as
under our own vine where we can quietly rest from
the toils of the week which has been attended with
much bodily fatigue and mental exercise. Four of the
family being absent, the remaining part are uncon-
sciously summoned to their posts. This morning P. B.
Tob. left to visit his friends in Maine and P. Boice
takes his place in the school

7th First day - a heavy rain - very acceptable - not having
had any for nearly 3 weeks, no uncommon occurrence
but all centered in quietness

10. Anna A. Jenkins spent a great part of the day and
sat in meeting with us

11 and 12. Had considerable company - some strangers who
visited the school and made some enquiry into

our usual establishment attendance with some improving remarks

13. Another week had expired and on retrospection a great want appears of individual watchfulness as well as individual improvement for which some regret is felt but we have the satisfaction to believe that there is, at times, a holy concern felt for the preservation of good order among the people and that it has been in some measure crowned with success

14th Most of the week - our morning meeting without company in the afternoon Daniel Haviland and J. Boice from New Hartford and Sarah Otis and son from Scituate attended. The family being on a religious visit were mainly engaged in testimony and supplication interesting devotion in the institution, on the sanctuary and on the children. a season of peculiar favour that we hope may be fastened on our minds as a nail in a sure place

15 & 16. Nothing occurred out of the usual line but all industriously employed at our posts through the day and in the evening reading "Prisoners' Tears"

17. Again sat in our meeting alone but cherish a hope that the Shepherd of Israel is not unmindful of us

18th Preparative meeting in town a number of the family attendance - in the afternoon were visited by divers strangers.

19th Had the respectable company of Saml. that bard and Elijah Coffin who are on a religious visit from New Garden North Carolina. The family were assembled in the meeting room where the ladies received the services and a precious season it proved. The children were lively exhorters to attend to the witness facts in their own minds and the cantabers warmly invited to seek for and receive the influence of that wisdom that dwells with prudence

20. Things move in their accustomed orbits good order having been generally preserved through the week - the weather dry and warm yet healthy

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21. First day our morning meeting unattended by any, except the family - in the afternoon had the company of Azariah Howland his wife Deborah and Phoebe Tilton from Bolton whose services in testimony and supplication were acceptable their deportment solid and exemplar the day quietly closed for which we desire to possess grateful hearts.
- 22 & 23 Nothing worthy of remark.
- 24 Monthly meeting in town but few of the scholars attended by reason of unpleasant weather of Hubbard and C. B. Coffin being there it was a far more interesting the weather was unusually cool and some frost.
- 25 The school and family visited by strangers who with some of our kind neighbors passed a part of the day with us very acceptably.
27. Visited by Smith Upton and wife and Eunice H. Allen from Stamford N. H. the latter having had much experience in the care and management of boarding schools her company was peculiarly interesting and her remarks instructive.
- 28 Our meetings and opportunity attended by the above mentioned friends.
- 29 C. B. Coffin again visited the school with interest and made many useful remarks. (14)
30. Part of the committee assembled and spent the forenoon together. In the afternoon J. Hubbard had the private assembly in the meeting room where he addressed them in tender counsel also the cantabers after which he took leave and left us as did the committee except J. Howland who passed the night with us on 10. Mo 1st. The number of scholars recedes to 80 the weather fine - passed the day without company. J. B. Tilton returned after an absence of more than three weeks, in good health.
- J. C. Esaiash Jons left this morning to visit his friends in Maine - J. B. voice continued to assist in his absence which he has satisfactorily done in that of J. B. Tilton.

- 5th Meeting with but little company - a number of strangers called towards night - Abby Pierce arrived after an absence of five weeks
- 7th S. Pierce resumed the school with her usual interest and B. Smith returned home having acceptably served the school during her absence
- 11th Closed the week with rather more than common exercise on account of some unpleasant occurrences which have, however, been settled to satisfaction
- 12th First day - our meeting attended in the afternoon by James Tucker and wife and Rebecca Howland from New Bedford whose services both in meeting and in our evening retirement were salutary. A fire in town caused great excitement among the scholars but it soon subsided
- 13th Our friends left us this morning - the family in health.
- 15th Meeting day - rather fine thermometer about 60.
- 16th Addition of some new scholars.
- 18th Closed a week unmarked with variety of incidents.
- 23rd The weather fine and the harvest beautiful
- 25th Were gratified by the return of Sarah Jones in good health
- 26th ~~First~~ day a heavy storm - but little company at meeting
- 27th Micajah Collins arrived in the Steamboat from New York after having been absent more than six months in the service of truth
- 29th Monthly meeting at Smithfield which several of the family attended
- 31st Isaac B. returned from Lynn bringing several scholars also Elizabeth Rogers from Salem and Eunice Jones - the former are bound to N. H. the latter remains with us
- Nov 1st A meeting appointed at Smithfield by Isaac Papperson from England some of the family attended and found him sensible and fervently engaged in administering the truths of the Gospel. He returned to town with them accompanied by Samuel Wood of N. Y.
- 2nd First day of the week - the weather still cloudy as it has been for 3 days. Had an unusual addition to our meeting this afternoon - Moses Brown, Samuel How, Sarah Ogden, Peter Allen

and wife with several others. In the evening, S. Stephenson had an appointed meeting in town.

3d. Quite a hard frost last night. The family well.

4th.

My dear friends, I am glad to hear
that you are all well.



